

Situational Awareness

Are you fully aware of what's going on around you?

The chances are, if you are looking at your smartphone or wearing headphones, then you are not fully aware of what's going on around you!



There have been an increasing number of incidents relating to members of staff being disconnected from their surroundings, such as:

- Crossing roads while looking at a smartphone and not using the nearby designated crossing.
- Walking down the road and not using the nearby footpath wearing headphones, oblivious to slow-moving vehicles behind.
- Using headphones in a meeting pod and not being aware of a fire alarm.



Key messages:

Using smartphones/devices while walking around site, especially on stairs, is discouraged.

Don't walk in the road – use the footpath.

Pay attention when crossing roads – use designated crossings where they are nearby.

When using headphones in an office, ensure that you can hear the fire alarm (check during the weekly test).



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